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Registration Open for Statewide Preservation Conference March 31 & April 1

We have two full days planned with educational sessions, networking, and a chance to attend a State Board of Review meeting. Sessions cover a wide range of topics with speakers from around SC and beyond including: archaeology, advocacy, cemeteries, grants, tax credits, energy efficiency, effective public meetings, preservation case studies, Section 106, trends in preservation and more. Register by March 11 for both days for \$40 (\$50 after March 11). Single day registrations are also available for \$30. Seven of the educational sessions will count towards the continuing education credits required for local government planning or zoning officials and employees, including boards of architectural review. The conference will be held at the SC Archives and History Center in Columbia. To see the schedule and description of sessions and to register please go to http://shpo.sc.gov/conf/landpconference/preservationconference.htm. For more information please contact Jennifer Satterthwaite at 803-896-6171, jeatt@scdah.state.sc.us.

Cemetery Workshops in April

The National Preservation Institute will be offering two workshops on historic cemeteries in Columbia this spring. **Cemetery Preservation** will be April 12-13, and **Cemetery Landscapes: A Practical Guide to Care and Maintenance** will be April 14. To see the agenda and registration information visit the National Preservation Institute website at www.npi.org. ASLA members will receive 6 learning units each day for designated seminars that meet the criteria for programs in the Landscape Architecture Continuing Education System. Register early to save \$50.00.

Newest Listings in the National Register of Historic Places

The **Greer Post Office** in Greenville County was listed in the National Register of Historic Places on January 31, 2011. The Greer Post Office, constructed in 1935, is architecturally significant as an excellent example of a New Deal-era post office produced by the Public Works Branch of the U.S. Department of the Treasury. Architect Donald G. Anderson of New York City designed the building. It reflects the designs favored by the Treasury Department at the time, exhibiting a restrained Colonial Revival style with minimal ornamentation. The post office is also significant because it includes a mural by artist Winfield R. Walkley, Cotton and Peach Growing, depicting African-Americans harvesting cotton and peaches from area fields and orchards, two crops that were plentiful in and around Greer. It is one of thirteen murals commissioned by the Section of Fine Arts of the U.S. Department of the Treasury during 1938-1941 for South Carolina post offices and federal buildings. The building served as a post office until 1964, when a new, larger post office was dedicated, then functioned as Greer City Hall from 1968 to 2008, and currently serves as the Greer Heritage Museum. Photographs and the nomination form can be viewed at http://www.nationalregister.sc.gov/greenville/S10817723069/index.htm.

The Columbia Electric Street Railway, Light & Power Substation, located on Assembly Street in Columbia, was listed in the National Register of Historic Places on February 4, 2011. Constructed in 1900 with later additions and alterations, this building is architecturally significant for its distinctive Italian Renaissance Revival characteristics and historically significant for its direct association with Columbia's street railway or trolley system. It was designed by W. B. Smith Whaley, an architect well-known for his cotton mills throughout the American southeast. From its construction in 1900 until 1936, when the trolley system permanently discontinued service, the building served as a power substation (and briefly as the general offices) for the Columbia Electric Street Railway, Light & Power Company and its successors. The trolley system operated by this company and powered by the substation played an integral part in the creation, growth, and subsequent annexation of Columbia's suburbs during the early twentieth century. Photographs and the nomination form can be viewed at http://www.nationalregister.sc.gov/richland/S10817740151/index.htm.

The **Nathaniel Gist House** in Union County was listed in the National Register of Historic Places on February 11, 2011. A two-story brick house with a white columned Doric order portico, it is architecturally significant as an outstanding example of Greek Revival plantation architecture in upcountry South Carolina. The house sits on a twenty-one-acre parcel on a rise above the Broad River, and includes segments of a historic road and stone-lined circular well. The house was built by planter Nathaniel Gist, Jr. in 1855. Gist was a member of a prominent Union County family that included his brother, States Rights Gist (1831-1864), a Confederate brigadier general killed at the Battle of Franklin, Tennessee, and his first cousin, William Henry Gist (1807-1874), governor of South Carolina from 1858-1860. Photographs and the nomination form can be viewed at http://www.nationalregister.sc.gov/union/S10817744029/index.htm.

Did You Know...About the South Carolina Historical Marker Program

South Carolina Historical Markers mark and interpret places important to an understanding of South Carolina's past. State law gives the Department of Archives and History responsibility for the approval of the inscriptions for all historical markers or other monuments erected on state highways or other state property. Since 1936, the Department has approved texts for over **1,300** markers. Interest in the program has been growing in the past several years, and **66** marker texts were approved in state fiscal year 2010. Texts for all markers are online at http://www.scaet.org/markers/ in a searchable database. For more information about the program visit http://shpo.sc.gov/properties/markers/ or contact Tracy Power at 803-896-6182, power@scdah.state.sc.us.

SC Archaeology Project Wins National Award for SCE&G

SCE&G will receive an award from the National Hydropower Association for the Saluda Hydroelectric Project Tree House Archaeological Project as part of the Outstanding Stewards of America's Waterways (OSAW) program in the Recreational, Environmental, and Historical Enhancement category. The award will be given during the annual conference of the National Hydropower Association, in Washington, DC, on Tuesday, April 5. This project was also honored with the 2009 Corporate Stewardship award in the statewide preservation awards program, http://shpo.sc.gov/NR/rdonlyres/E60B238D-23E4-4BB1-89EF-458669596EE9/36666/2009hpawards.pdf.

Quote to Ponder

"Too often historic preservation is perceived as looking only backwards, but the actions and attitudes which enable us to appreciate and care for our heritage are wholly invested in both the present and future. We want to enjoy a sense a place, connect with our surroundings, and live in communities that feel welcoming and enduring; all of which contribute to a sense of being at home, of belonging, and of having a legacy worth passing on." From Barbara Little, editor, *CRM: The Journal of Heritage Stewardship* (summer 2010), published by the National Park Service. To read past issues of the journal or to subscribe go to http://crmjournal.cr.nps.gov/Journal_index.cfm.

Conferences/Workshops/Events

"Preservation Makes Cents": Historic Preservation Advocacy Day, March 7 - 8, 2011, Washington D.C. For more information see Preservation Action's website http://www.preservationaction.org/lobbyday.htm.

Iron and Steel Preservation Conference, March 7 – 9, 2011, Lansing, MI. For more information visit http://www.lcc.edu/tet/welding/ISPCConference/.

SC Federation of Museums Annual Conference, March 9 - 11, 2011, Columbia, SC. For more information go to http://www.southcarolinamuseums.org/.

NEW Johannes Kolb Archaeology & Education Project, March 7-12 and 14-18, 2011, Great Pee Dee Heritage Preserve in Darlington County. The Public Day is March 12. For more information about the project, visit http://38da75.com/. Contact Sean Taylor for information, to volunteer, or schedule a school field trip at TaylorS@dnr.sc.gov, 803-734-3753.

NEW Masters of the Building Arts Festival, March 19, 2011 in Charleston. Sponsored by the American College of the Building Arts, the festival will be held at the Old City Jail, 21 Magazine Street from 10 am to 4 pm. It will feature demonstrations and lectures by master artisans in six trades: stone-carving, carpentry, masonry, plasterworking, timber framing, and forged architectural ironwork. For more information contact the College at 843-577-5245.

SC Preservation Conference, March 31 – April 1, 2011, Columbia, SC. A wide range of educational sessions covering topics from archaeology to tax credits are planned. See http://www.shpo.sc.gov/conf/landpconference/preservationconference.htm. For more information, contact Jennifer Satterthwaite, jsatt@scdah.state.sc.us, 803-896-6171.

The American Historic Cements Conference, March 31 – April 1, 2011, New York, NY. Includes paper sessions, tours, and hands on demonstrations. For more information go to http://www.historiccements.org/.

NEW The Southern Garden History Society Annual Meeting, April 1-3, 2011 in Baton Rouge, LA. The theme for this year's meeting is "River Capitol: Bridging Landscapes of the Old and New South". More information is on the Society's website http://www.southerngardenhistory.org/index.html.

NEW Learn the Basics: Housing Tax Credits 101 Plus Historic Tax Credits, April 6 – 7, 2011, Boston, MA. Sponsored by the Institute for Professional and Executive Development, Inc. For more information see http://www.cvent.com/EVENTS/Info/Agenda.aspx?i=d58cc69b-b2be-48a8-a744-8c88589ce3f7.

NEW The Alliance for Historical Landscape Preservation Annual Meeting, April 6 – 9, 2011 in Fort Worth, TX. The theme for the conference is "From Country to City: Advocating for Historic Landscapes". For more information see http://ahlp.org/pdfs/2011/2011AHLPregistration.pdf.

Archaeological Society of South Carolina Annual Conference, April 8 – 9, 2011, Columbia, SC. The preliminary program is online at http://www.assc.net/events/annual-conference.

Cemetery Preservation, April 12 - 13, 2011 and **Cemetery Landscapes: A Practical Guide to Care and Maintenance**, April 14, 2011, Columbia, SC. To see the agenda and registration information go to the National Preservation Institute website www.npi.org.

25th **Annual Landmark Conference** "The Revolutionary War in South Carolina", April 14 - 16, 2011, Walterboro, SC. The event features educational sessions, reception, the Confederation awards banquet, and an encampment on Saturday. For more information, contact the Confederation's president, Mike Scoggins, at 803-684-3948, ext. 31, micscoggins@chmuseums.org. The registration form is available at the Confederation's website http://www.palmettohistory.org/confederation/.

NEW Section 106: A Review for Experienced Practitioners seminar, May 10-11, 2011, Atlanta, GA. Agenda and registration information are at www.npi.org.

Consultation and Protection of Native American Sacred Lands seminar, May 12 - 13, 2011, Atlanta, GA. Agenda and registration information are at www.npi.org.

NEW National Main Streets Conference, May 22 – 25, 2011, Des Moines, IA. The theme for the conference is "Grow Your Main Street" and it will feature numerous educational tours and educational sessions as well as networking opportunities. To learn more go to http://www.preservationnation.org/main-street/training/conference/2011-des-moines/.

NEW Preservation Leadership Training (PLT), June 11-18, 2011, Alexandria, VA. Sponsored by the National Trust for Historic Preservation, PLT emphasizes a participatory experience in leadership and organizational development techniques and the most up-to-date and effective information and training in current preservation practices, issues and action strategies. To apply or for more information visit www.preservationnation.org/plt. The application deadline is April 1, 2011.

15th Annual International Preservation Trades Workshop, August 2-6, 2011, Lancaster, PA. Visit www.iptw.org for more information and registration, or email info@ptn.org.

Grant Application Deadlines

June 1, 2011: Preservation Services Fund Grants: Administered by the National Trust for Historic Preservation, these grants are awarded to nonprofit organizations and public agencies for preservation planning and education efforts. Grant awards range from \$500 to \$5,000. For more information, contact the Southern Office of the National Trust for Historic Preservation at 843-722-8552 or soro@nthp.org and visit the National Trust website at http://www.preservationnation.org/resources/find-funding/.

More Grant Information

http://shpo.sc.gov/grants/otherincentives/

- www.grants.gov
- http://www.preservationdirectory.com/PreservationGeneralResources/GrantsFundingSources.aspx
- www.npguides.org

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